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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the Firſt and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Friday November 3d. to Monday November 6th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *YOU are deſired to give the Definition, of the Word* Inceſt, *and how far it extends? Whether applicable to Perſons (not of Affinity) that Commit Fornication, or any other Uncleanneſs? Your ſpeedy Anſwer will very much Oblige,*

Your Admirer and Subſcriber, J. G.

A. If we ſhou'd take the ſignification of the Word from its Etymology, *Inceſt* wou'd indeed imply all manner of Unchaſtity; and in this large Senſe we may find it ſometimes uſed by Ancient Writers. Notwithſtanding at preſent it is never uſed in any other Senſe than to ſignify, a Conjunction with ſuch a Perſon as the Law Obliges us to abſtain from, upon Account of the Reverence that is due to nearneſs of Blood. And Fornication is not comprehended under, but comprehends Inceſt and all manner of Uncleaneſs: That is Logically ſpeaking, Fornication is the *Genus*, and Inceſt the *Species*.

Q. Gentlemen, *Having made the Experiment that an empty Bottle well Cork'd, let down into the Sea, when drawn up, will have the Cork within it, I deſire to know by what means 'tis perform'd. I perceive, the* Athenians *give their Opinion, that 'tis by the weight of the Water, which I think does not agree with the Maxim that,* Nothing is heavy in it's Element. *A contrary Opinion is, that the Air, being more compreſs'd the nearer it comes to the Center, leaves a* Vacuum *in the Bottle, which by Suction Imbibes the Cork. Your Opinion is deſired, which is reſolv'd ſhall decide a Wager.*

Your Admirer, &c.

A. It is our Opinion that the Preſſure of the Incumbent Water is the true Cauſe of this *Phenomenon*. That the Superior Parts of Water do preſs upon the Inferior, is a Fundamental Propoſition in *Hydroſtatics*, which Mr. *Boyle* has demonſtrated by ſeveral Experiments. And conſidering that this Preſſure increaſes in a direct duplicate *Ratio* of the Depth of the Water, it is not improbable that it may be ſufficient to produce this Effect on the Bottle, when plunged to a great Depth. But the other Opinion concerning the Compreſſion of the Air, is not founded upon ſo good Reaſon. It is not to be denied that the Air in the Bottle wou'd be compreſſed as it approaches to the Center: But that it actually is ſo where the approach is ſo little, is (if we may be allowed this way of ſpeaking) rather Mathematically than Phyſically true; at leaſt the Compreſſion is ſo ſmall as to produce no ſuch ſenſible Effect.

Q. Gentlemen, *Having lately Read your Ingenious Anſwer to a Queſtion of the ſame Nature with the annexed, I deſire you would Anſwer in your next* Apollo *this alſo, and I can aſſure you I ſhall not Trouble you any more with a Queſtion of this kind, being ſenſible of your great Performances hitherto, and you will very much Oblige,*

Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant, A. B.

A Gentleman Dieth leaving his Wife with Child, but before his Death he bequeathed 4000 l. *upon the Conditions following. That if ſhe was delivered of a Son, he ſhould have* 3000 l. *and ſhe* 1000 l. *If of a Daughter, ſhe was to have* 1000 l. *and the Mother* 3000 l. *Now, ſhe was deliver'd of one Son and two Daughters. Query, What is the Share of each according to that Birth,* viz. *Mother, Son, and two Daughters.*

A. It is evident from the conſiderations mentioned in our Anſwer to which the Queriſt referrs, that in this Caſe the Eſtate of the Deceaſed is to be divided into Fourten Parts, whereof the Son ought to have Nine, the Mother Three, and the

Daughters One a Piece, that is, the Son 257½ l. the Mother 857½ l. and the Daughters 218½ l. a Piece.

Q. APOLLO, *I have a long time had a desire, but never cou'd be so Happy as to see your* Godship, *tho' I have enquir'd so much, that my Tongue is almost worn out with asking after you; and it has cost me I know not what in Shoe-Leather, being grown so Fat with Feasting this long Vocation, that no Chair or Coach is big enough to hold me. And since the Stars have been so unkind, as not to afford me so much as one Auspicious Beam to point out my way; I hope you will vouchsafe (if not to inform me what particular Sphere you reside, yet) to Answer the Request I now make.*

Query, Having design'd to Compose about a Dozen Songs for a Subscription, and not knowing how to furnish my self with Words better than by Addressing my self to the Fam'd APOLLO, *I therefore beg the favor of him that he will Oblige me with the same as soon as possible, because they require great hast: And to let me know in your next* APOLLO, *where they shall be left? I thought it very convenient to send this manner of Question, because the putting it in the Publick Paper, and the Songs being therein known to be Writ by* APOLLO *will unanswerably Influence many Subscriptions more than what might be by the common Publick Proposals. Which you are to the great Satisfaction and Benefit of,*

APOLLO's, *most Obedient.*

W. Turner.

A. Had you not Subscrib'd a Man we have known, it might have pos'd *APOLLO*, to have discover'd, what kind of Animal thou art, whether Two-leg'd, Four-leg'd, or of the Feather'd-kind. For we have been told of a Monkey has been brought to Write some Words, and have heard even Magpies and Daws, speak with a nearer semblance to Reason. The most probable conclusion we cou'd make, was that an Owl Dictated it to his Amanuensis a Monkey; for what but such a Bird of Night, whose dim Goggles cou'd not bear the Rays of the *Sun*, cou'd have been Puzzel'd in finding out *APOLLO*, by whose Beams every thing else is found out, and must of necessity be visible to all, who appear abroad by Day; and how agreable to the Brains of that Animal was it, to enquire of the *Stars*, the way to the *Sun*, when they borrow all their Light of him. And how *a Propos*, to all the rest, to ask for Songs when your Tongue was near worn out, which never happens 'till long after the loss of the Voice: Also in Travelling a Foot to overtake the Chariot of the *Sun*. But as to your loss in Shoe-leather, that is easily retriev'd, for since your Body is so vastly extended in Bulk, it will be retrenching that a little, and then you may have Leather enough to spare out of your own Hide, to Sole 3 or 4 Pair of Shoe's. However, notwithstanding the Premises, since it is the Glory of *APOLLO*, to be Communicative, and to shine on the Humble Hyssop, as well as on the Lofty Cedar, if you will wait his Leisure, you may meet with some Lines, and in Compassion to your Bulk and Corns, and to prevent a Consumption of Shoe-leather, before a Reduction of your Corps for a Supply, we will leave them in *THETIS*'s Lap, at some time when we retire to our *Lucubrations*. Therefore prepare for your Voyage, for since you may have occasion for divers Winds to bring you thither, *They* may chance to be there before you.

Q. Gentlemen, *A Dispute arising between me and another Gentleman, concerning the Quantity of the Syllable* qui *in* Aliquibus, *One asserting it was long, the other short, which we could not determine, we both agreed to refer it to your Decision, which therefore we desire you'll favour us with in your next* Apollo, *a Wager depending thereon,*

Your Subscriber, Philo-logus.

A. We make no doubt, but this Syllable has the same Quantity in *aliquibus* as in *quibus*, and is therefore short, and so indeed it is always pronounced. 'Tis true, we cannot produce the Authority of any *Latin* Poet for a Proof of our Assertion; neither can the Word stand in any Verse of known Measure, if all the Syllables of it were short, as we take them to be; whereas, if the *Penultima* of it were long, it is capable of standing in Heroick, and other sorts of Verses: And if it had been so esteem'd, we should undoubtedly, have had some Instances of it, but its not being to be found amongst the Poets, is an Argument for us, that it was judged improper for their purpose.

Q. Gentlemen, *The Signification of the Word* Incantation *hath occasioned a very eager Dispute, so far that it engaged the Disputants to a Wager, which is as yet undecided. They, in their cooler Temper, submit to your Decision*—— *The One insists upon* Cole's *Definition, in his* Dictionary: *The Other urgeth that to be imperfect, asserting, That the Word carries in it, and intendeth,* Singing, &c.

Yours, Horatio.

A. Incantation, We take to be only another Word for *Inchantment*, and therefore to have only the same Signification. 'Tis Use only, and not the Etymology that must determine the proper Meaning of Words; the not observing of which Rule, was, we suppose, the Occasion why the Gentleman, last mentioned, took up this Dispute against the Other.

POEMS.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. A *Violent* Beau,
Makes Address a Propos,
A Conquest to gain o'er my Heart;
At least he believes
By the Airs *which he gives,*
To himself, he Plays finely his part.

But t'me he appears,
By the Courses he steers,
So Nauseous, Affected and Dull,
That scarcely I can see,
Or in the least Fancy,
He has any Brains in his Scull.

Pray, give your Advice,
Which I beg in a trice,

That

That when he comes next to Harangue me;
What way I may beſt,
Put him off with a Jeſt,
For if I know what to ſay, Hang me.

Altho' his Aſſaults,
Have Hundreds of Faults,
Yet if he ſhou'd furious appear,
Perhaps I may yeild,
For Quiet the Field,
Tho' not through Affection, but Fear.

Yet, further I ask
(If not too hard Task)
How with a Reſponſe I may Mate him;
And fully perſuade,
No Conqueſt be's made,
But that I moſt Heartily hate him.

If theſe you will tell,
[illegible] you can well,
[illegible] for your Grace,
[illegible]
(Overcome by you. Wit)
That APOLLO, *ſhall Reign in his Place.*

SILVIA.

A. The Queſtions you've ſent,
Of different Content,
Nor will their Solution be eaſy;
At leaſt we fear one,
To your liking not done,
Tho' we doubt not the other will pleaſe ye.

You fear he will vex ye.
And daily perplex ye,
With wonderful flights of your Charms;
What Worlds he wou'd give,
To make you believe,
He thinks it a *Heav'n* in your Arms.

Alas, you miſtake,
To think for your ſake,
He will take ſuch abundance of Pains;
Or be ſo uneaſy,
For Language to pleaſe ye,
Or put on the Tenters his Brains.

A violent *Beau*,
You'll find nothing ſo,
For the Fooliſh, Phantaſtical Elf,
Endeavours to raiſe,
No Trophies of Praiſe,
To any Thing but to *Himſelf*.

He'll rather expect,
That you ſhou'd affect,
To hear him deſcant on his *Parts*,
And make it your Faith,
Such Merits he hath,
Such Charms, and ſuch conquering Arts;

As never can fail,
O' themſelves to prevail;
Then never be concern'd for his Chat,
Or which way to anſwer,
So dull a Romancer,
Who'll plague you with little of that.

But how to perſuade,
No Conqueſt he's made,
As ſoon you will make him confeſs;
No Preſence he bears,
Nor Magical Airs,
Nor *Wiſdom* ſupported by *Dreſs*.

Think not that your Skill,
Or Subtil'ſt Arts will
Convince him, altho' you employ all;
As ſoon you may hope,
For Converting the *Pope*,
Or a *Factious Old Knave to be Loyal*.

And yet we will ſhew,
What ways to purſue,
Which may at leaſt eaſe you of *Trouble*;
And free from the Pains,
You fear from the Strains,
Of ſuch a Ridiculous *Bubble*.

Fix up in the Room,
Where he's us'd to come,
On Courtſhip, a Swinging great Glaſs;
His Miſtriſs you'll find,
He little will mind,
On th' *Image* employ'd, of an *Aſs*.

SIR,

THE Letters from France tell us, the Elector of Bavaria was ſpeedily expected at Court, where he was to ſollicite for Money for Recruiting his Forces; and when he has obtained it, he is to return to Namur, to give the neceſſary Orders for the raiſing his Recruits accordingingly; That the Council have daily under their conſideration the Means to raiſe the neceſſary Sums for the ſupport of the War, that the King hath given Orders for Augmenting his Foot, againſt the next Campaign, to Fifty Men in a Company. They give out at Court, that the Duke of Anjou had commanded ſeveral Poſts on the Sabor to be fortified, which would prove of great advantage to him in the Courſe of the War, and had ordered his Foot to march to a Place called Caſa Tejada, eight Leagues from Placentia, which they did on the 17th of October, the Duke himſelf intending ſpeedily to follow with the Cavalry, which was to be Cantoned in the Neighbourhood of that Place.

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